

ESTABLISHED IN 1891.

INCREASE SHOWN
IN ASSESSMENTSREPORT IS MADE BY THE BOARD
OF EQUALIZATION OF SOUTH
CAROLINA.

PROTESTS WERE CONSIDERED

Total Value of Cotton Mills, Oil Mills
and the Fertilizer Factories of the
State of South Carolina For Taxa-
tion is \$31,970,255.Columbia.—Comptroller General
Jones announced the reduction on as-
sessment of cotton mills, oil mills
and fertilizer factories as found by
the state board of equalization at a
meeting when the protests were con-
sidered.The following reductions were an-
nounced for the cotton mills: Cal-
houn mills, Calhoun Falls, reduced
from \$500,000 to \$450,000; Langley
Manufacturing Company, Langley,
from \$375,000 to \$300,000; Brogan
mills, Anderson, from \$488,900 to
\$425,000; Beaver Dam mills, Edge-
field, from \$140,000 to \$120,000; Mon-
aghan mills, Greenville, from \$1,050,
000 to \$950,000; Piedmont Manu-
facturing Company, Newberry, from
\$1,320,000 to \$1,120,000; Ashley Manu-
facturing Company, Newberry, from
\$15,000 to \$10,000; American Press
Cloth Company, Columbia, from \$29,
000 to \$25,000; Granby cotton mill,
Columbia, from \$900,000 to \$850,000;
Cheesee mills, Cheesee, from \$300,000
to \$280,000; Drayton mills, Sparta-
burg, from \$587,500 to \$560,000; Fort
Mill Manufacturing Company, Fort
Mill, from \$200,000 to \$185,000.Farmers' Oil and Manufacturing
Company, Blacksburg, from \$15,000 to
\$10,000; Tiger Shocks Milling Com-
pany, Wellford, from \$30,000 to \$20,
000; Due West oil mill, Due West,
from \$35,000 to \$24,000; Allendale Cot-
ton Oil Company, Allendale, from
\$60,000 to \$30,000; Fairfax oil mill,
Fairfax, from \$20,000 to \$15,000; Wil-
kinsville Cotton Oil Company, Wil-
kinsville, from \$10,000 to \$5,000; Wal-
terboro Cotton Oil Company, Walter-
boro, from \$27,000 to \$25,000.Columbia Fertilizer Company, of
Charleston, from \$350,000 to \$150,
000; Tidewater Fertilizer and Stor-
age Company, Port Royal, from \$20,
400 to \$15,000; Read Phosphate Com-
pany, Charleston, from \$330,000 to
\$100,000.

South Carolina To Make Fine Showing

South Carolina will make a fine
showing at Seattle within a few weeks
for when the National Electric Light
Association meets there far its thirty-
fifth annual convention from
June 10 to 14, the state will be repre-
sented by an imposing list of men
who make life brighter for everybody.
Included in the Southern Water-
works and Electric Company, the Char-
leston Consolidated Railway, Gas and
Electric Company, the Columbia
Railway, Gas and Electric Company,
the Darlington Light and Water Com-
pany, the Florence Electric and Util-
ity Company, the Georgetown Elec-
tric Company, the Spartanburg Rail-
way, Gas and Electric Company and
the Sumter Lighting Company.

Gives Decision In Important Case.

In the United States district court
Judge Smith handed down his decision
in the Columbia case of Edward H.
H. Titus against the Granite Brick
Company and the Columbia Savings
Bank and Trust Company, which has
attracted some general interest, the
motion having been made for a tem-
porary injunction restraining the is-
sue and execution of a mortgage.
Judge Smith signed an order, enjoin-
ing mortgage of its property.

Severe Storms Vailt Chester County.

Chester county was visited by a ter-
rific rain storm and in the Hazelwood
section it appears to have spent its
fury. At the latter place hail came
down in such fusillades that over
much of the territory visited by the
storm there will have to be a com-
plete replanting of the crop.

Civil Service Examination June 1.

Civil service examination will be
held at Camden June 1 to select three
mail carriers. J. Blakeney Zemp,
assistant postmaster, is secretary of
the civil service commission of this
district, may hold the examination.
Not only will there be many contest-
ants for the examination from Cam-
den, but several persons from other
sections of the state have signified
their intention in standing the exami-
nation. The carriers salary will be
\$50 a month, but will be increased at
the end of the year.

Railroad Schedule To Be Altered.

The question of the schedule on the
Northwestern railroad will be aired
before the railroad commissioners in
Spartanburg in the near future, the com-
missioners having written they will
be here for that purpose. The sched-
ule has been giving a great deal of
dissatisfaction since it was changed
last February, and the commission
has ordered it changed back. A peti-
tion was received by the commission,
to allow the schedule to stand as it
now is, the petition coming from the
Summerton end of the line.

A New Chapter In Arson Case.

A sensational chapter was added to
the charge of arson against Allender
Gosnell, charged with the burning of
W. J. Gibson's home, when four chil-
dren lost their lives January 28, when
Henry Brown was arrested charged
with being accessory to the charge of
arson. Brown is said to have con-
fessed to a local magistrate and B. A.
Wharton, deputy insurance commis-
sioner, who has been working on the
case for some time, saying that he
was present when Gosnell fired the
house.

HARDWARE MEN'S MEETING

Proper Entertainment to be Given
the Visitors—Called Special Meet-
ing to Consider Arrangements.Charleston.—Visiting hardware de-
alers of the two Carolinas, here in con-
vention next month, may be given an
excursion trip around the harbor in the
steamer Sappho. This was one of the
plans discussed for the entertainment
of the hardware men by several local
hardware dealers, who met at the
Chamber of Commerce to plan for this
Convention, to which about 350 visit-
ors are expected. To complete arrange-
ments for this convention a general
meeting of the hardware men of the
city is called at Shrine Hall, corner
of King and Wentworth streets.At the meeting, in pursuance of ac-
tion taken, Mr. E. H. McIvor made a re-
port as to details of these entertain-
ment plans, based upon investigations
made. Mr. McIvor was appointed
chairman of the committee which con-
ferred, and will be in possession of
facts which he will lay before the
hardware men as a basis of action in
planning to give the visiting hardware
men a good time.The annual convention of the hard-
ware men of the Carolinas will be held
here June 11, 12, 13 and 14. The Isle
of Palms will be the place of meeting
and general headquarters of the Con-
vention, and here, in the midst of the
surf bathing, the sea breezes and the
general gaiety of the island season,
they will discuss hardware and other
appropriate subjects. They will also
give careful attention to the various
exhibits—that is, the exhibits of hard-
ware which will be set up for their in-
spection by various hardware manu-
facturers of the country.

South Carolina New Enterprises.

The secretary of state has issued a
charter to the Elmwood Development
Company of Columbia with a capital
of \$6,000. The officers are: Frank H.
Gibbes, president; Albert E. Douglas,
vice president; and W. A. Clarkson.
The company will conduct a general
real estate business. A commission
has been issued to the Jenkins Ex-
press Company of Columbia with a
capital of \$5,000. The petitioners are
E. A. Jenkins, C. G. Guignard and
G. A. Guignard. The company will
do a general trucking and transfer
business. A charter has been issued
to the Kilgore-Elwell Company of
Charleston, with a capital stock of
\$2,000, to do a general builders' sup-
ply business. The officers are: E. F.
Gilwell, president and secretary, and
L. A. Kilgore, treasurer. A commis-
sion has been issued to the Saluda
Cemetery association of Saluda, with
a capital stock of \$1,000. The peti-
tioners are B. W. Crouch and J. W.
Pitts.

Several New Candidates Announced.

Several new candidates have been
announced in Charleston county.
Among the new candidates are W. R.
Davis, H. L. Johnson and J. B. Hol-
aday for county supervisor, while the
incumbent, R. E. McFadden, announces
that he will not be a candidate for
another term. Archie I. Barron for
clerk of court, E. B. Gamble for sher-
iff, P. H. Stoll for solicitor, E. J.
Browne for superintendent of educa-
tion and H. C. Padgett for coroner are
all announced for re-election, while
John L. Johnson is a candidate for the
office of coroner. Only two candi-
dates have announced so far for the
house of representatives, Joseph H.
Burgess and R. D. White.

Politics In Charleston County.

Chairman Henry W. Conner of the
Charleston county executive com-
mittee will call the organization togeth-
er probably within the next few days,
but the time for the first meeting
since the day of the memorable dual
convention has not been definitely de-
termined, and it may be even longer
than a week before the first meeting
of the representatives of all the Demo-
cratic clubs of the county. When the
meeting is held it will include, of
course, not only the members of the
organization reported upon by the
committee on credentials of the Barn-
well convention on May 6, but also of
the clubs which sat on the opposite
side and refused to give their creden-
tials or otherwise participate in the
proceedings of the body, which has
now had its status established as the
legal and proper convention.

Want Commission Form.

The Charleston Community club
proposes to get a commission form of gov-
ernment for Charleston. It is pro-
posed to test the views of all candi-
dates who may offer for the legisla-
ture and work to defeat all who may
be opposed to the new form of admin-
istration. The candidates who meet
the requirements will, of course, be
supported by the members of the club.
The idea of the club is to secure the
passage of a bill at the next session
of the legislature.

A Negro Detective Shot and Killed.

A negro detective, Sam Washington,
was killed at New Sumter. New
Sumter is the village around the C. M.
Betts company lumber plant, about
four miles east of Sumter. Another
negro, L. J. Jefferson, was shot and
dangerously wounded. Lewis Little,
the negro who did the shooting, escap-
ed. Washington had been working up
blind trip cases and had a warrant
for the arrest of Little. He went to
Little's house and arrested him. When
they reached the door Little shot the
detective.

Young Man Killed By Live Wire.

Chester Foster, a young man of 15
years, was killed on Main street near
the centre of the town by a live wire
while he was assisting in swinging a
cable of the Southern Bell Telephone
company for which he was working.
The electric light wires and the tele-
phone cables run on the same pole.
The young man was up on the cable
about midway between two posts
and 30 feet from the ground when
reaching round to get some instru-
ment out of his belt he touched a
live wire.

WARRANT TO GREEN

THE STATE PAYS TWENTY DOL-
LARS A DAY FOR BERKLEY
COUNTY WORK.

DETECTIVE OF GOVERNOR

The Expense Account as Itemized by
Col. L. M. Green Was Accepted by
Comptroller General Jones—The
Statement Has Been Issued.Columbia.—Comptroller General
Jones issued a warrant for \$360 to L.
M. Green, lieutenant colonel on the
staff of the governor for 31 days' ser-
vice as a special detective of the of-
fice of the chief executive. The ac-
count was itemized by Col. Green and
was accepted by the comptroller gen-
eral. On April 15 Col. Green filed an
account with the comptroller general
for \$203 for one month's service. Of
this amount \$105 was for expenses
and \$100 salary. The account was
turned down by the comptroller gen-
eral on the grounds that it was not
itemized according to law. Col. Green
on May 13 filed a second account for
\$360 which was accepted because the
dates of the service were given.In his first account, Col. Green
charged the state of South Carolina
\$30 for investigating the Olar lynch-
ing. In his second account he charged
\$60. According to the expense ac-
count of Col. Green he spent five days
in Berkeley county from May 6 to 10
for which he received \$100 or \$20
per day. In his first account sublet
Col. Green charged the state
\$18.50 for investigating the Tolley-
Mudrow-Cheshire lynch affair in Ander-
son and in the second account this in-
vestigation was put down at \$20. The re-
ports show that Col. Green received
on an average of \$10 a day for his
work as a detective. The services
were rendered between March 18 and
May 10.

Executive Clemency Granted Two.

Columbia.—The governor has grant-
ed a pardon to Henry Gilliam, who was
convicted in Newberry in 1903 of mur-
der and sentenced to life imprisonment in
the state penitentiary. Major Green,
of Orangeburg, in 1899 of murder
and sentenced to be hanged, but
whose sentence was commuted to life
imprisonment by Gov. McSweeney,
was granted a parole. Since assum-
ing office the governor has extended
clemency in 368 cases.

Are Working For Record Crop.

Florence.—The farmers of this county
have joined heartily with R. E.
Curran, the county agent of the farm
demonstration work in the corn and
cotton contests for this year, and they
are working hard for a record crop
with everything in their favor so far,
except the late start. Crops ordinarily
look well, clean and well advanced,
considering the late start. Mr. Curran
is also planning for a corn show that
will be preparatory to the big corn
show this fall, and will have a good
committee of business men to help
him out in the enterprise.

Both Legs Cut Off By Street Car.

Greenville.—J. J. Moore, a 60-year-
old man, had both legs cut off by the
motor car, which operates between
Greenville and Anderson. He is not
expected to recover. Moore alighted
from a street car at the point where
the Pendleton street line crosses the
tracks of the Columbia & Greenville
railway. He started down the railway
toward the Augusta street station and
was run down by the motor car on its
nightly trip to Anderson.

Gaffney Wants Veterans Reunion.

Gaffney.—A movement was started
to secure the state reunion of the
Confederate veterans for Gaffney this
year, and steps were taken looking
toward extending an invitation to
meet in Gaffney in August. Those
who are agitating the matter, state
that they are meeting with a hearty
spirit of co-operation on every hand,
and indications now are that Gaffney
will be able to invite the veterans to
come here.

A Whirlwind Campaign.

Newberry.—The corporations and
committee having the matter in charge
have decided to make a whirlwind
campaign for raising the necessary
funds to build and equip the New-
berry County hospital. It was decid-
ed to procure the amount in one day,
and for that purpose a hospital day
will be named and committees will
that day canvass the city and county.
It is hoped to have the stock all sub-
scribed within the next ten days, and
to have the hospital in operation by
the middle of November.

To the Road For One Year.

Barnwell.—Mace Jeffcoat, a white
man, was sentenced to one year at
hard labor in the penitentiary or to
the chain gang, having been found
guilty of storing whiskey for an ille-
gal purpose. This was his second
offense, and there was, therefore, no
alternative of a fine. He is the first
person in this county to be sentenced
without the alternative of paying a
fine. He served notice of appeal to
the supreme court, and pending the
hearing bail was granted in the sum
of \$1,000, which was furnished.

A Remarkable Convention.

Columbia.—The State Democratic
Convention that has just adjourned
was one of the most remarkable gath-
erings that has been held in this state
in many a year. It was conspicuous
because of the unusual evidence of
interest in the political situation and
the high character of the delegates.
Men who have not for years taken any
part in political affairs made the sac-
rifice of attending the convention and
the personnel of the convention was
decidedly above the average in this
state.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That
Have Been Gotten Together With
Care by the Editor.Union.—The court of general ses-
sions has been in session here for
several days. Judge Thos. S. Sease
is presiding. J. C. Otts is solicitor and
T. Carlisle Perrin stenographer.Columbia.—The annual convention
of the South Carolina Funeral Direc-
tors and Embalmers' association will
be held in Columbia on May 29 and
30. The address of welcome will be
delivered by Mayor Gibbs.Newberry.—News was received in
the city that a little negro was found
dead on Col. D. A. Dickert's Broad
river plantation, the little negro hav-
ing been hanged by getting caught in
a wire fence.Columbia.—The board of county
commissioners convened in regular
semi-monthly session. Nothing out-
side of routine business was taken up.
The board will let the contract for
the paving of the road to Hyatt Park,
it was said.Charleston.—With the exemplifica-
tion of the thirty-first degree, and the
communication of the thirty-second
degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, the
third semi-annual Reunion of the
Scottish Rite bodies of Charleston at
the Masonic Temple came to an end.Fort Mill.—The Fort Mill graded
schools close next week. The sermon
before the graduating class will be
preached by Rev. Joel S. Snyder of
Chester. Dr. George A. Wauchope of
the University of South Carolina will
deliver the literary address.Manning.—The committee having in
charge the work of raising funds for
the erection of the Confederate monu-
ment at this place have just completed
an arrangement for a lecture by James
K. Vardaman of Mississippi, to be de-
livered for the benefit of the fund.
The lecture will be delivered in the
auditorium of the graded school.Florence.—The city council has at
last granted a franchise to the Elec-
tric and Utility company, and L. C.
Ritchie, the president of the company,
says that it is his purpose to put in a
much larger plant, which will have to
be done by the issue of bonds, and fur-
nish light and power, power especial-
ly, to industrial concerns all through
the surrounding country.Florence.—Rev. E. O. Watson, D. D.,
of Columbia is to make the annual
address for the Florence graded
schools at the commencement exer-
cises to be held on the 23rd. There
will be quite a large graduating class
this year, and the greater number of
them will return next year to take a
postgraduate course, the additional
grade which is to be added.Washington.—In order to expedite
its passage, Senator Smith of South
Carolina has had incorporated in the
senate agricultural bill his joint reso-
lution to authorize the secretary of
agriculture to prepare and display an
exhibit at the fifth National Corn ex-
position, to be held at Columbia from
January 27 to February 9, 1912.
The measure was unanimously agreed to.Gaffney.—Gaffney municipal auth-
orities let the contract for 3,000 square
yards of paved sidewalks to V. L.
Spurgeon of Gaffney. The figure was
97 cents per yard, totaling \$2,460, be-
ing \$389 cheaper than the next lowest
bidder, P. S. Minas of Spartanburg.
The contract calls for work to be be-
gun within ten days. Contractor Spur-
geon stated that a force of 20 men
would begin at once.Newberry.—The barn of Mr. Alex.
D. Hudson, near Silver Street, one of
the largest barns in the county, with
the largest horse in the county, was
destroyed by fire. In the barn were
about thirty tons of hay, about \$500 or
\$600 worth of farm machinery, and
some five or six tons of fertilizer, all
of which was burned. Mr. Hudson's
loss is about \$2,500. He carried some
insurance, but his in-
surance is very small in proportion to
his loss.Orangeburg.—Algernon Blair, the
contractor of Montgomery, Ala., who
was the successful bidder for the con-
tract for erection of the new postoffice
building for Orangeburg, is in the city
making preparations for the work of
actual construction of the building.
The new building will cost about \$50,
000. The lot is now being cleared of
debris and the work of excavating will
begin in a short while.Columbia.—The state board of equal-
ization met in the hall of the house
of representatives, when several pro-
tests were heard on the assessments
of the cotton mills, cotton oil mills
and fertilizer factories.Abbeville.—Seth M. Milliken and
party were in Abbeville for a direc-
tors' meeting of the Abbeville cotton
mill. A dividend of 3 per cent,
amounting to \$9,500, was declared on
the common stock, payable July 1.
Besides paying this 3 per cent divi-
dend, \$125,000 worth of first preferred
stock was ordered called in and paid
on July 1, the regular dividend period.
Sharon.—It is said that there will
be the finest crop of blackberries here
this season that has been known in
several years. The very dry weather
of last year cut off this crop very
much and had the effect besides of
making what berries there are very
hard and dry.Charleston.—A dispatch from Wash-
ington, stating that L. Redinger had
been "removed" as postmaster at
Myers, this county, conveyed a wrong
impression. Mr. Redinger was not re-
moved, but tendered his resignation
several weeks ago, and it has just
taken effect.Charleston.—In the May 15 issue of
the Country Life Mabel Burke Egan
has an article, illustrated with two
fine photographs, which shows that in
coastal South Carolina exist the large
cork trees in the world so far as is
known.Orangeburg.—The trustees of Or-
angeburg college have met and elect-
ed the officers and teachers for Or-
angeburg college for next session. The
college has undergone a change and
the affairs of the college will be hand-
led directly by the trustees and not
by an individual, as has been the case
during the past several years.RIVER IS FALLING
AT ALL POINTSTHE SITUATION SOUTH OF ODEN-
BURG CRITICAL ACCORDING
TO REPORTS.

THE RELIEF FUND GROWS

Ten Towns Are Under Several Feet
of Water From Last Break—Morgan
City Is Flooded—Rescue Work Is
Still in Progress.New Orleans.—The Mississippi river
continued to fall at all points from
St. Louis south and reports received
at the office of the United States
engineers here concerning the levees
were favorable.The situation along the Atchafalaya
river south of Odensburg, the scene
of crevasse, are critical according to
reports and relief boats were dis-
patched to the newly inundated section
to rescue the endangered people and
livestock.Besides Odensburg and Woodside,
which are already under water, the
following towns will be inundated by
the crevasse:Nelta, Bayou Current, Elba, Rosa,
Palmetto, Richard and Bodoc, Mel-
ville, the largest town in that section,
already is covered by water from 1 to
3 feet deep and will be flooded by the
waters from the Odensburg break to a
depth of from 4 to 8 feet.Most of the women and children
had been taken out of that country.
A decided surprise was occasioned
when the back water from the
Atchafalaya entered the outlying sec-
tion of Morgan City and reached a
depth of three to five inches in some
of the business streets.More than a hundred refugees from
the country south of Odensburg have
reached Opelousas. Many of them
expressed fears that relief boats
would not reach some of the maroon-
ed persons in time. A large number
of gasoline boats were sent to this
section from Opelousas and addition-
al rescue forces will be dispatched.Capt. C. O. Sherrill, chief of the
army engineers, who has 1,300 men at
work on the Hymelia crevasse, 35
miles above New Orleans, reported
that the work was progressing satis-
factorily.

Lid on Daring Johnson-Flynn Fight

East Las Vegas, N. M.—No lifting
of the liquor lid during the time the
crowds are here for the Johnson-Flynn
fight will be allowed according to
Mayor Robert J. Taupert. A greatly
augmented police force is being or-
ganized to keep order and to see that
the gambling laws are not broken.
The mayor announced that he would
revoke the license of any hotel or
rooming house that attempts to
charge exorbitant rates. No fakits
will be allowed to use the streets.

Senate Majority Upholds Lorimer.

Washington.—The case of Senator
Lorimer, whose election was alleged
to have been brought about through
corruption, was placed before the
senate for final action. The majority
of the special investigating committee
reported that all their rules of law,
judicial procedure and justice re-
quired that the senate's former judg-
ment in the Lorimer case be held
in Senator Lorimer's favor. The
final and conclusive, and that the
case was absolutely no new substantial evi-
dence discovered, his election being
the logical result of existing polit-
ical conditions.

Nurse On Trial For Infanticide.

New York.—Charged with poisoning
nine babies by putting oxalic acid in
their milk, Winifred Ankers, a nurse,
was placed on trial before supreme
court justice Scudder in Brooklyn.
The nine children died several
months ago in an infants' hospital in
Brooklyn where the Ankers woman
was employed as nurse. The defend-
ent is a baby of her own. Her coun-
sel claims that the nurse was made
the victim by one who did the poison-
ing and is being railroaded to prison.

Reign of Terror In Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark.—Municipal po-
lice, sheriffs, deputies, constables and
citizens who answered the mayor's
proclamation to arm themselves
and make strenuous efforts to cap-
ture the mysterious prowler who for sev-
eral days reached the point of mur-
der in this campaign of crime, are
still scouring the byways of this
place. Scores of houses were search-
ed to which it was believed possible for
the murderer to have gone into hiding
was searched.

The British Titanic Inquiry.

London.—When the British Titanic
Inquiry was resumed Sir Cosmo Duff-
Gordon was subjected to a bitterly
hostile examination into his conduct
at the sinking of the vessel. The at-
torney appearing on behalf of Irish
third class passengers, asked of Gor-
don if he had suggested to the boat
go back and receiving a negative re-
ply asked: "You saved your lives and
left the others to drown." Lord Mer-
sey: "The position of the witness is
bad enough. Do you think it fair to
ask such questions?"

Five Persons Are Killed.

Chicago.—Five persons, three men
and two women, were drowned when
the automobile in which they were
riding plunged into the Champlain river
at the Ninety-second street bridge.
None of the names of the victims so
far has been learned. One of the wo-
men jumped into the river as the
embankment was reached, according
to a watchman. Her body was re-
covered later. The woman appar-
ently 24 years old, and the initials "A.
4." were on her bracelet.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH ARSON

Chapter in Shocking Story—Gosnell
Is Lodged in Jail at Landrum.—
Four Children Lost Lives.Campobello.—Following an investi-
gation by B. A. Wharton, inspector
of the state insurance department, on
the burning of the home of W. J. Gib-
son, when his four children lost their
lives, January 28, Allender Gosnell
has been arrested and lodged in jail
at Landrum charged with arson. The
insurance inspector has been con-
ducting an active investigation into
the burning of Mr. Gibson's home
three miles from Campobello at
10 o'clock in the morning of January 28
and has unearthed sufficient evidence
to cause the arrest of Gosnell.The burning of the home and the
death of the four children was one
of the most shocking tragedies in the
history of this community. Mr. Gib-
son is a prominent farmer, a former
member of the house of representa-
tives and one of the most widely
known residents of this section of the
state.The children who lost their lives in
the fire were: Hugh Gibson, 16
years of age; Annie Thomas Gibson,
14 years of age; Laura Gibson, 10
years of age; James Gibson, eight
years of age.Walter J. Gibson had gone to Green-
ville to attend the funeral of a kin-
man leaving the four children at
home. Their mother had died several
years before and their stepmother the
previous winter. The children spent
the Sabbath with their sister, who
lived a mile from their home, but
had returned home at 10 o'clock Sun-
day evening.Neighbors were aroused by the roar
of the flames in the early morning
and when the first to reach the scene
arrived at 1 o'clock the large two-
story frame building was a mass of
flames. The screams of the children
were heard by those first on the scene.

South Carolina New Enterprises.

A charter was issued to the Ander-
son Paint and Color Company of An-
derson, with a capital of \$3,500. The
officers are: Ernest Dugan, president
and secretary; F. J. Martin, vice pre-
sident and treasurer. A commission
was issued to the Standard Insurance
and Realty Company of Columbia,
with a capital of \$2,000, to do a gen-
eral insurance and real estate busi-
ness. The petitioners are E. B. Can-
tey, Jr., and T. D. Meares, Jr. The
United States Supply Company of St.
George was commissioned with a cap-
ital of \$500.

Governor Pardons Three Men.

A. W. Morgan, who was convicted
in the Richland county court in Janu-
ary of this year on the charge of
shooting into an electric car in Colum-
bia and sentenced to serve six months
on the county chain gang or in the
state penitentiary, or to pay a fine of
\$200, has been paroled by the gov-
ernor, on condition of good behavior
and that he refrain from the use of
whiskey. Morgan fired into a street
car on Main street in Columbia last
winter. A parole has been granted to
P. W. Bentley, who was convicted in
Richland county in January of 1908
on the charge of forgery and senten-
ced to five years in the state peniten-
tiary, on the condition that he leave
the state within twenty-four hours af-
ter securing his freedom and that he
never return. The sentence of F. W.
Johnson, of Spartanburg, who was
convicted on the charge of assault
and battery with intent to kill and
carrying concealed weapons and giver
a fine of \$200 or six months' impris-
onment, has been commuted by the gov-
ernor to a fine of \$100 or six months

Further Complications Likely.

Will an auction sale price of five
dollars satisfy the Federal authorities
for liquors valued at about \$190? Will
an auction sale where state officials
stood by and warned all prospective
purchasers that they were liable to ar-
rest for purchasing the whiskey, and
thus reduced the number of bidders
to one man, be accepted with equal-
ity as a legal auction under Federal
requirements? Such questions as
these were freely discussed in Federal
official circles at Greenville, in con-
nection with the auction sale of Cham-
pagne, Benedictine and Imported